

REMARKS

Pending in the present application were claims 1-18 and 21-23, of which claims 1, 9, 15 and 21 are independent claims. In the Office Action, claims 1-18 and 21-23 were subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as directed to the patentably distinct species of FIG. 2 (Species I), FIG. 3 (Species II), and FIG. 4 (Species III). With this Response, the species of FIG. 3 (Species II) is elected without traverse. Claims 1-18 and 21-23 read on the species of FIG. 3. Claims 1, 4-8, 15, 18 and 21 are generic to all species. The present application containing claims 1-18 and 21-23 is in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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